

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: d2s1-2900.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File Printout

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 701798

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file printout *d2s1-2900.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The printout shows a naked young girl, who appears to be approximately 9-11 years old, wearing a semi-transparent blouse. She kneels in a sexual pose that emphasises her naked buttocks. The image is exploitive: the only apparent purpose of the publication is to encourage sexual titillation and arousal. The image links youthfulness with sexual desirability and encourages a sexual interest in children and young persons. It also advances the idea that children and young persons are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.